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COVER FOR THIS ISSUE

Richard Crum of St. Paul, Minn., a youth who is gaining nation wide recognition for his undisputed knowledge of the Yugoslav folklore. He has been in that country on several occasions (including this summer) where he has done serious research in that field. He is an earnest student of the folk dance in general, with Mexican being one of his other favorites. He masters languages easily and is of a friendly, unassuming, well-liked personality. During the winter season he attends the university of Minnesota and teaches at the International Institute. During other times of the year, when not traveling, he trains the famous Duquesne University Tamburitza Troupe and various Croatian summer folk schools as well as other folk camps. A more complete write-up about Dick appeared in the March-April issue of VILTIS. See his article in this issue. (Foto Courtesy Tamburitizans). Above Dick's picture is the renowned Duquesne University Tamburitizans.

THE LAST "TALKA" FOR VILTIS

Thanks are in order for last month's help on VILTIS to Beverly Grotzinger, Angie Pan, LaDonna Larsen, Rita Farrell, John Hancock, Wayne Kelly AL3, and Clinton Taylor YN2 USN.

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES

When we set a date as a dead-line, we mean it! For the past few months promised articles arrived several days too late for printing. Mail delivery is not the most reliable thing in the world. It would be better if we'd receive the articles weeks in advance then rush it out by the skin of the teeth and keep the fingers crossed hoping it would reach us.

THE NEXT DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20
Have Everything in Before That Date

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

December: Christmas Issue.

January-February issue will be dedicated to commemorate the 300th year of Jewish settlement in the United States. It will be our first Jewish issue. Historic articles covering every subject will fill the pages.

SUBSCRIPTIONS WHICH MAKE NEWS

During this past month we received two subscriptions from Viltis admirers with great confidence in Viltis. Jack Cutler of Washington, D. C. and Stasys Jakubauskas of Chicago, Ill. We were flattered pink at their willingness to help and confidence in Viltis. We accepted it. However we do not encourage it. We depend entirely on monthly income to meet the enormous printing expense, for ads are not our forte. Three year subscriptions at a time are plenty. However, a "dank dir" to Jack and a "širdinga ačiu" to Stasys.

As this was going to press we received another six year subscription from Pat Parmelee of the International Institute of Los Angeles. Holy Cats! Thanks Pat!

20 Subscriptions from Hugh Jones.

Hugh Jones, who instigated the origination of Viltis thirteen years ago in Fairhope, Alabama, sent in 20 subscriptions in one batch during the first week in September! We sure wish we could have many such friends. During the previous few months of this year he sent in ten additional subscriptions.

In a national contest of stories and articles written by hospitalized veterans, our friend Hugh Jones (half Welsh, half Danish—typical American), won two prizes, first and second! We sure are mighty proud of him and also grateful to him for insisting on the creation of Viltis, which had its beginning as a Service Letter for the boys in the Armed Forces. He is our "Kūmas—God-Father".

WHO ARE OUR READERS

By extraction the largest majority stem of Anglo-Celtic stock (English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh). The next two largest groups are Jewish and Lithuanian. However, we have among our readers members of nearly every race, nationality and religious group, including Indians, Negros, Japanese, Chinese, etc., etc. Chicago is still our largest single spot of subscribers. California is our largest state, but still below Chicago's total. However, it is growing rapidly in the number of subscribers. The majority of our readers are of ethnic background.

Two thirds of our readers are young people, hence we have so many marriage and birth announcements. We like it that way, as long as there is happiness. We are mighty proud of all readers, as they are a fine, intelligent and clean cut lot.